



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD**  
City Council Chambers  
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541  
Tuesday, April 6, 2004, 8:00 p.m.

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**MEETING**

The Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Cooper at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Cooper.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS Jimenez, Hilson,  
Rodriguez, Ward, Dowling, Henson  
MAYOR Cooper

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Barbara Heringer-Swarr thanked both Council Members Hilson and Rodriguez, as well as her own supporters. She also announced a film series at Chabot College.

Joseph Oberman congratulated the winners of the election on behalf of Robert Lopez.

David Marritt talked about HARD and its taking over the operations of the Boys and Girls Club. He noted that many people are not looking forward to having HARD running the program. He felt that the club could run as it has. He said he would like a viable financial program so that poorer people can participate.

Council Member Jimenez noted that there are sponsorships available when folks cannot afford the annual \$50 fee.

**CONSENT**

1. Acknowledging Receipt of Canvass of the General Municipal Election and Declaring Results Thereof

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Reyes, dated April 6, 2004, was filed.

City Clerk Reyes reported on the results of the election naming the four candidates who were elected: Incumbent Bill Ward, candidate Barbara Halliday, candidate Bill Quirk, and Incumbent Olden Henson. She reported that there were 100 precincts that included 52 physical precincts, with a voter turnout of 41.17 percent.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Dowling, and unanimously carried to adopt the following:

Resolution 04-50, “Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Canvass by  
the City Clerk of General Municipal Election Held March 2, 2004, and  
Declaring the Results Thereof”

Outgoing Council Members Rodriquez and Hilson were presented with plaques in gratitude for their many years of service to the City of Hayward.

City Manager Armas also presented each of them with a framed photograph of the current Council. He then presented Council Member Hilson with a framed poster featuring the history of the website, in honor of Council Member Hilson’s unrelenting efforts towards a quality website.

Council Member Rodriquez said it was difficult to take her leave. It has been a pleasant experience. She commented on Madelyn Albright’s book, Madam Secretary, saying she liked the issues and noted that people in politics have to compromise, quoting from it. They must take risks to accomplish things of real value. She said that the obligation of the office is to look at the City and the people you serve. She thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked the City Manager, Jesus Armas, and the City staff for all of their help throughout the years. Lastly, she thanked the Mayor and the rest of the Council members as well as the citizens of Hayward. She wished the incoming Council members the best of luck.

Council Member Hilson also thanked everyone for attending. He said he would miss being a member adding that it is the best job in the world. He wished everyone luck adding that it is a tough job upcoming. Moving up to the Council is an order of magnitude larger than where they were. He said when you are on the City Council, you do the people’s business. He again thanked everyone.

## 2. Installation of Council Members and Administer Oaths of Office

Reelected Council Member William Ward was sworn in by City Clerk Reyes. Reelected Council Member Olden Henson was then sworn in by Bishop Gerald Macklin. Newly elected Council Member Barbara Halliday was sworn in by City Clerk Reyes. Newly elected Council Member Bill Quirk was sworn in by Supervisor Gail Steele.

Council Member Ward noted that this was his 6<sup>th</sup> term. He thanked both Council Members Rodriquez and Hilson and remembered their past service together. He thanked the citizens of the City for their trust and regard in him. He mentioned various unions and groups who have supported him throughout the years. He commented on the developments of the past “team” of Council members as well as the work they had done together, among which were new businesses in the City, the Youth Commission and affordable housing. He commented on the support given by the Council to young people and noted the diversity in the City. He said the Council needs to work harder to develop revenue and work more closely with the schools. He thanked the voters for their support.

Council Member Henson expressed his thanks to Council Members Rodriquez and Hilson for all their



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work on behalf of the City. He commented on his service with Council Member Hilson on the Council Technology Committee and how much they accomplished. They also served together on the Council Environment Committee. He commented on his relationship with both members and his appreciation for their hard work. He welcomed the new members noting that it was a tough election. He was thankful to have won. He thanked the organizations and individuals who supported him including the Hayward community, particularly his church and students at Hayward High School. He asked people to look at what had been done, but noted the work still to do. He spoke of his vision for Hayward and the challenges ahead. Lastly, he noted that he would continue serving on national and state committees representing the City.

Newly Elected Council Member Halliday said what an honor it was to be elected. She thanked her husband, her family and many of her friends for their help. She promised to work hard for the City of Hayward and its citizens.

Newly Elected Council Member Quirk said this was all incredible. He thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service to the City. He thanked the voters and said he would do everything he could to justify their trust in him. He thanked Supervisor Steele for her dedication to children. He will try to have her dedication for children in government. He thanked his hundred volunteers for their inspirational dedication. He also thanked the various groups who supported him as well as City staff. He noted that this is a team effort. He said he would like to move forward on many of the issues pursued by others. He discussed the state of the creeks in the City and their health. He emphasized his dedication to the Library and envisioned another branch library in the City. He also noted the need for more police officers as well as a new Police Station. Lastly, he thanked everyone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m. to a reception in the Rotunda.

APPROVED:

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Roberta Cooper, Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

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Angelina Reyes, City Clerk, City of Hayward

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